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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop irrigation system in the country to increase the annual growth rate of Gross Domestic Product to 8 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target to improve the irrigation system in the country during the remaining period of Tenth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the area of land likely to be irrigated by the end of Tenth Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The Tenth Plan envisages an annual average 8% growth rate for the economy as a whole. To achieve this, it has been estimated that agriculture will have to grow at 4%. Irrigation is the most important and vital input to agriculture and to achieve the projected growth rate in agriculture, irrigation will also have to grow at a commensurate pace.

(c) & (d) During the Tenth Plan period, the states have indicated a target of 16.743 million hectare for irrigation potential creation. However, considering the performance of the States in the first three years of Tenth Plan the actual achievement is likely to be about 63% of the target.

(e) About 104.31 million hectare is likely to be provided with irrigation at the end of Tenth Plan.